

REMARKS

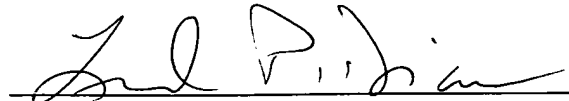
Claims 31-34 and 36-38 remain pending in this application. Claim 35 has been canceled, without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter. Claims 31 and 37, the independent claims, have been amended.

Applicants note with appreciation the indication that Claim 35 would be allowable if rewritten so as not to depend from a rejected claim, and with no change in scope. Since independent Claims 31 and 37 have been amended to incorporate the subject matter recited in former Claim 35, Claims 31 and 37 are now believed to be in condition for allowance.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request early passage to issue of the present application.

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